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A Happy New Year To All Our Readers New Year's Dance, Monday, December 31st

THE SEED FAIR.

Under the auspices of the Irma Agricultural Society, the 9th annual Seed Fair and Poultry Exhibition was held in the Co-operative hall, Irma on Friday, Dec. 21st. In compliance with a request from the Department of Agriculture this event was held in December in lieu of January or February. Results showed that the change was unfortunate and the date fixed was too early to suit the convenience of the farmers also too near Xmas, several competitors being away for the holidays.

In the Seed Grain section the number of entries was small, but the competition was keen and the quality of the exhibits were very good and clean. The judges, Messrs J. M. Clark and J. A. Weir took great pains with their work and gave satisfaction with their awards.

Results.

Wheat.
1st, Thos. Shaw, score 954. For sale 50 bu. at \$3.00.
2nd, O. Steffenson, score 934, for sale 50 bu. at \$2.50.
3rd, H. Knudson, score 914, for sale 100 bu. \$2.20.
These exhibits were all of the Marquis variety.

Long oats.
1st, A. W. Burton, Banner variety score 864, for sale 50 bu. at \$1.00.
Short oats.

1st, H. Prothers, Abundance variety, score 93, for sale 100 bu. at \$1.00.
2nd, W. A. Burton, Abundance variety, score 894, for sale 800 bu. at \$1.00.

3rd, Thos. Shaw, Abun. variety, score 88, for sale 100 bu. at \$1.00.
Flax.

1st, W. A. Burton, score 94, for sale 20 bu. at \$4.00.
Rye.

1st, R. G. Williamson, score 93, for sale 30 bu. at \$2.00.
2nd, Thos. Knowles, score 90, for sale 200 bu. at \$2.00.

Barley.
1st, T. N. Sellars, Menswy variety for sale 20 bu. at \$2.00.
2nd, R. W. Barley.

1st, W. H. King, Standwell var. score 97, for sale 40 bu. at \$1.35.
2nd, R. G. Williamson, Standwell variety, score 934, for sale 30 bu. at \$1.35.

Field Peas.
1st, B. and C. Oldham.

White Potatoes.
1st, W. H. King, Up-to-date var. for sale 40 bu. at \$1.50.

2nd, Thos. Shaw, for sale 25 bu. at \$1.00.
3rd, C. L. Shaffer, for sale 25 bu. at \$1.00.

Red Potatoes.
1st, H. Knudson, for sale 75 bu. at \$1.50.

Thos. Shaw, 25 bu. for sale at \$1.00.
3rd, C. L. Shaffer, 25 bu. for sale at \$1.50.

In the Poultry section here again the entries were much smaller than usual, however the quality of the birds showed a marked improvement. We must again call the attention of the exhibitors to the fact that they themselves in some cases handicap their exhibits by not showing them in standard size coops. This is unfair both to the birds shown and to the judge. Mr. Geo. Buchanan, of Edmonton again acted in that capacity and as usual gave satisfaction with his awards.

Barred Rock Hen, 1st, E. W. Baker, 2nd, H. Knudson.
Buff Orpington hen, 1st, C. W. Baker.
Buff Orpington cockerel, 1st R. G. Williamson, 2nd, H. Knudson.
Buff Orpington pullet, 1st, R. G. Williamson, 2nd, H. Knudson.
Rhode Island Red Rose Comb, all awards to R. G. Williamson.
R. I. R. Single comb, all awards to W. H. King.
White Leghorn R.C., all awards to C. W. Baker.
White Leghorn, S.C., all awards to R. G. Williamson.
Bronze Turkeys, all awards to Thos. Shaw.
Pair Toulouse geese, 1st, C. W. Baker, 2nd, Thos. Shaw.

During the afternoon an institute meeting was held and addressed by the judges. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. King, Pres. of the Society who first called upon Geo. Buchanan, who in reviewing his work regretted that the number of entries were going back instead of increasing. He said that the quality of the birds shown was an improvement on last year's, 'also that some improvement in the show pens was noticeable, but there was room for further improvement in this respect. He stated that the day had come when breeders must pay more attention to production and the poor layers must be weeded out. The high price of eggs would pay for the extra trouble and with feed at the present price it was not good policy to keep a lot of birds that did not pay their way he advocated the use of trap nests.

Mr. J. M. Clark was next called upon for a speech. He was disappointed that the exhibit was not larger, he was sure there was a lot of good grain grown in the district this year. The quality was good all round, all the wheat shown were splendid samples, and some of the Oats, Barley and potatoes were exceptionally good.

He stated that if the farmers appreciated what the government were doing in respect to these Seed Fairs it was up to them to come out and support them there was a great expense in carrying them through and if more interest was not taken in them it might be that the Dept. would have to consider if the results were worth the expense. The main idea is to increase the production by encouraging the farmers to use good seed and clean land and this year the Dept. are giving a special prize to the winners of the 1st and 2nd prizes in wheat and oats with the privilege of buying 5 bushel of wheat or oats absolutely pure grain at elevator prices conditionally that they are sown under conditions laid down by the department. 'All the winners at this fair were pleased to avail themselves of this offer. After the usual questions a vote of thanks to the judges moved by A. W. Toll, seconded by Thos. Shaw was carried and the meeting adjourned.

F. W. Watkinson, Sec-Treas.

Box Social and Dance At Echo School, Dec. 28th

A box social and dance will be held at the Echo school, Kinsella, Friday evening, Dec. 28th, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Red Cross. A great time is assured all who attend.

RURAL HOSPITALS

The people in the Irma district whilst acknowledging the great want of Rural Hospitals do not think that the present division as made by the government would meet the needs of the district. It is desirable to have an hospital at Irma, as there is urgent need for it. It has been decided to petition the government to alter the divisions to admit this, and petitions are at present laying at the following places: The drug store, Co-Operative store, Merchants bank, I. R. Gates office and A. A. Dicksons. It is hoped everybody will make a point of signing one of these at once.

"Teach us to drive thru life with-out skidding into other people's business. Preserve our brake lining that we may stop before we are ditched. Help us to find the knobs in our own motors and harken not so much to the clashing of the other man's gears. Keep the screws in our heads as tight as we would like to have the screws in our automobiles, and never let us lose sight of the fact that people who live in gasoline houses should not throw matches around other people's houses." - Ex.

To The Ladies We Left Behind Us

TUNE—"The long, long Trail"
Composed on board Troopship "Canada," March, 1917
By Sergt. W. H. Allen, Railroad Construction Corps
We're a lot of Railroad Workers, going across the seas,
For to help make Kaiser William go down on his knees,
And when we have done our duty, we'll return like men,
So Girls, we hope you won't be lonely, until we come back again.
CHORUS: Its a long, long trail to Germany,
But we'll get there some day,
And when we do, old Kaiser Bill
Won't have a word to say,
We'll do our duty to King George,
And behave ourselves like a men,
And we hope that you'll be happy Girls,
Till we come back again.

We can lay the wood and steel, boys, we can knot and splice,
We can rig a gyn and sheer poles with which big guns to hoist,
Fire the box or hold the throttle, make good record runs,
And whenever we are wanted, we can get there with the guns.
Now we say adieu, dear Ladies—not goodbye, just au revoir—
And we know we have your blessing while we're at this war,
Though we leave our hearts behind us, we've the stuff that
makes us men—
So Girls, just keep the Home Fires Burning, for we're coming
back again.
Sung by Mrs. W. E. Walker, at the Red Cross Concert on the 14th.

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HON. DUNCAN MARSHALL, Minister of Agriculture
H. A. CRAIG, Deputy Minister of Agriculture
EDMONTON, ALBERTA

KILLED IN ACTION.

In a letter to Irma friends, Mrs. Dickens, of Stratford, Ont., tells the sad news that her son Serg. Chas. E. Dickens, well known to old timers here, was killed in action on November 10th. He, together with a small party of soldiers were out training when a shell struck in their midst and they were instantly killed. The last sad rites were held at Ypres cemetery where lies many brave Canadian lads who have given their lives for the great cause of liberty and human happiness. Serg. Dickens was employed by Bruce Armstrong in the drug store several years ago and left Irma some time previous to the beginning of the war. When the war broke out he enlisted with the Alberta Dragoons and has been in France with unit over two years.
He was a popular young man, well liked about town and an athlete of considerable ability. He was a member of the ball team while here and took an active part in all sports.
The entire district feel the great loss that the parents of this brave boy have sustained.

STRAYED—from the SW 1/4 35-47-9, one red yearling heifer, branded on right hip, \$5.00 reward will be given when found leading to its recovery. Dr. Jevenny, Irma. 47-50p.

LOCAL NEWS

TOLD IN BRIEF

Tell Your News to the Editor and He in Turn Will Tell Hundreds Thru This Paper.

Don't miss the New Year's dance on Monday, New Year's eve.

Bring your feed to the Irma chop mill. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Miss H. Flett of Edmonton is spending the Xmas holidays at the McKay ranch.

C. A. Kerklings of Hardesty has just had a very successful operation for appendicitis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kerklings on Oct. 28th 1917, a daughter.

Mr. Cato, Superintendent for the Alberta Lumber company spent three days the past week taking stock.

Mrs. F. S. Johnston and children are spending the winter with Mrs. Johnston's parents at Clackamas, Oregon.

The new chop mill is going full blast and the farmers are highly pleased with the new service.

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Amongst others the following spent Christmas away: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clark at Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson in Edmonton, Mrs. W. Walker and family at Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Hutton at Lacombe, Mr. Jas. Thompson at Edmonton, R. Doherty at Edmonton, Miss F. Coulman at Edmonton, Miss R. Brecon at Edmonton, Mrs. Donough at Viking, A. Knapp at Kinsella, H. H. Kennedy at Kinsella, W. Henderson at Edmonton.

RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. Crocker wishes to acknowledge the sum of \$57.50 donated by the people of Strawberry Plains. Proceeds of a social dance held in the school house some time ago. This amount was raised to buy comfort for our local boys overseas. But these good people realizing the great need of Red Cross supplies were glad to donate to this Red Cross Society. Also the proceeds of the concert and dance held on the 14th in Irma amounted to \$63.50. Mrs. Crocker wishes to thank the persons who contributed to the program, Mr. Cook who supplied the music, the Co-Op. for free use of the hall and all others who helped to make the concert and dance a success, also \$10 from the U. F. W. A. handed in by Mrs. F. W. Watkinson.

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MAID MARJORY

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(Continued.)

The little maid was thankful enough to leave the boudoir, innocence either open or covert hurt and disturbed her, and she went quickly across the landing, her face flushed, her eyes rather bright with indignation, feeling altogether a little upset by Mrs. Tredway's demeanor, and quite unaware that Geoffrey Marstead was mounting the staircase, until they came face to face. He stood on the landing facing her, his eyes there was an expression of mingled amazement and recognition which she could not fathom.

"Why are you so exactly like a miniature that belongs to me?" he asked abruptly, giving her no greeting, but pausing exactly in her path, and looking her up and down with that puzzled yet surprised look of recognition. "When an extraordinary coincidence, I never saw such a likeness in my life."

"I don't know what you mean, sir," she faltered. "I don't think I can be like any miniature of yours, and please may I pass? I am keeping the dressmaker waiting. I only had to put this on to save Miss Connie; she was very tired of standing. She and Madame Laura are waiting for me."

They stood alone on the landing, for Geoffrey was accustomed to go upstairs to the drawing room unannounced. And before the young man reached the top of the stairs, Crewe had vanished to the kitchen regions. "I don't understand you," Meg faltered, as Geoffrey's glance remained fixed intently upon her.

"I don't understand it either; it puzzles me more than I can say," he answered; "but we have got to understand it. There is something about this which will have to be explained. It can't possibly be a mere coincidence. I don't know why, but I saw the likeness before. I don't know whether it is that I never took in exactly what I were like, or whether it is that the white you have on now makes you look different. Anyhow, there is no getting over the fact that you are exactly like my miniature of Delicia Donaldson. Do you see her living image?"

"Who do you say I am like?" Meg asked, feeling every minute more mystified. "I never heard the name in my life."

"You are like a lady," Donaldson, he said.

"I know who she is," she said, "but I never heard the name in my life."

CHAPTER X

The Miniature

In the small room which Mrs. Tredway dignified by the name of library, three people were assembled on a summer morning a guest—Geoffrey Marstead, the young millionaire, Geoffrey Marstead's sister, Mrs. Damsere, and a woman known to the household as the young ladies' maid.

Mr. Damsere, sitting at the writing table, looked precisely what he was—a quiet, shrewd man of business, not largely blessed with imagination; very unemotional; too much accustomed to seeing steamy sides of life to take a very rosy view of human nature, but inclined nevertheless, to make allowances for the weaknesses of humanity. Rather reluctantly he had acceded to Geoffrey's insistent, almost imperious request to come and interview the girl whose likeness to the miniature of Delicia Donaldson had so startled him. And though the lawyer never shrugged his shoulders and stated his conviction that they would find themselves engaged in a will-o'-the-wisp pursuit, he was too wise a man to refuse to call out the behests of a millionaire, however foolish those behests might appear.

When Geoffrey had informed his future mother-in-law of the startling resemblance he had found between her daughter's maid and the woman of the miniature, Mrs. Tredway had laughed at contemptuous a laugh as diplomatic considerations permitted. But diplomacy dictated very judicious treatment of a wealthy son-in-law who was still one a prospective one, and this consideration tempered her contempt.

"My dear Geoffrey," she said, "you are disturbing a man's peace! How could a maid, a mere maid, have any connection with this Miss Donaldson to whom your father wished to leave his money? Why, the idea is positively ridiculous. The likeness you see between Deane and the miniature must be the most absolute coincidence, one of those strange coincidences which do sometimes happen."

"Possibly," was Geoffrey's terse reply—he had never thoroughly liked Connie's mother—possibly. But the likeness is so extraordinary that I mean to make every possible inquiry."

And when his mouth set itself in a straight line of determination, Mrs. Tredway knew as well as the solicitor

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Ethnologists Unearth Remnants of Indian Civilization in New Mexico

Dr. F. W. Hodge of the bureau of American Ethnology, who has just returned from three months of archaeological exploration in New Mexico, announced that his expedition had unearthed the relics of an Indian civilization probably 1,000 years old. These evidences, consisting largely of glass beads, pendants and ornamental combs incised with turquoise, were unearthed in Central New Mexico, fifteen miles southwest of Zuni and about three miles from the Arizona border.

By digging far enough into the debris on the site of the ancient village of Hawikoh, Doctor Hodge unearthed the burial grounds of the ancient Zuni Indians at different levels. At the lowest level the method of burial indicated an extremely remote period of Zuni civilization. The bodies, in conformance with some custom, were apparently buried in one spot and the trunks in another. Another class of burials were discovered apparently of another period, when the remains were cremated in bowls, and the vessels containing water and food were deposited with the dead.—The Houston Post.

"We may live to see the airplane in common everyday use like the automobile."

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The Spur of War

Erasmus Wilson in the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times

There were sweethearts away back in the '60s who were separated by the war the same as now.

And can't you imagine the same thing existing ever since there were sweethearts, which must have been a long, long time ago, for there have been sweethearts from the dawn of history.

If the love affairs were taken out of the history of Greece there wouldn't be much interesting matter left. You can recall from ancient history how the maidens used to follow for miles, even for days' journeys, the men going to war, and go even further to meet them on their triumphant return.

In those days the girls hadn't any use whatever for slacks, nor did they go far to meet a defeated army on its return. Nor were the Greek mothers as weak hearted as some of our mothers today.

There isn't any time in life more "sweetheart" time, don't you see?

The boys at the front know it as well as do the girls at home, and that is why they are so anxious to get letters from home, and the chief reason why they ask for furloughs.

Well, isn't it for the love of women, homes and children that men go to war? Were it for themselves alone they wouldn't make the sacrifice they do. And it is worth while, because wife, home and children are the most sacred things in all the world.

It is said that women love the uniform and the buttons of the soldier. These may attract attention, but it is the brave fellow inside that they love, really.

And they love him because he is strong enough to fight, brave enough to face danger, and had as much to love. And the true woman will love him when he returns, or enshrine him in her heart if he returns not.

A Base Deceiver

"Why, Gracie," exclaimed an old friend, "are you going to be married next week? You are a base deceiver. Why, you told us only a few days ago that you were booked for a personally conducted tour with a small, select party."

"Yes, dear," answered Grace, smilingly. "That's just the person I selected and put the small select party."—Rehoboth Herald.

The Madman of Potsdam

The Mania That Obsesses the Ruler of Kaiserland

If any one has any idea that the Kaiser is not ready to blurt out his inmost self on the slightest provocation, all he has to do is to read the latest outburst to the effect "that the German sword will regain for us the respect of the whole world." That he is still true to form in his belief that might makes right, as he is in living up to the ideas that the old heathen religion of Germany is a thing to conjure with, by calling Hindenburg "Wotan" and Ludendorff "Sigfried," is made evident once more. Indeed it is part of the general mania that obsesses him. For as the world shudders at the naked German sword, dripping with the blood of Belgium and babes of northern France, this madman of Potsdam complacently opines that sword will make him and his respected. But the delusion is one which cannot be cured except by the stern police measures of an outraged world being carried to their finality.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A kiss returned is a kiss earned.

No Homestead

For Alien Enemy

New Order Does Not Bar Any Alien Naturalized Who Is In C.E.F.

An order in council has been passed providing that no application for an entry for a homestead in Western Canada shall be granted unless the applicant was a British subject at the commencement of the war and has since continued to be a British subject or a subject of one of the allied or neutral countries. This new regulation will not apply to any alien-born person naturalized since the commencement of the war who is a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces, or who has been honorably discharged from the Canadian army.

"What's that you are reading?"

"A scientific article," it says that oysters secrete pearls.

"Um; where do they secrete them?"

"Under the bed of the ocean, I suppose."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Money in Stock Raising

Southern Alberta Farmers Increasing Their Herds

Southern Alberta farmers are sparing no efforts to increase the size and otherwise improve their herds, and are buying cattle as fast as they can get them. Recently 30 head of Southern heifers from Ontario were sold at Lethbridge at an average price of more than \$300 a head, the highest price realized being \$400. A number of bulls were sold at the same sale, realizing an average price of more than \$400, with \$575 the top price. Farmers in this part of the country have been earning large profits and are investing their money in such a manner as will ensure a continuance of their profitable operations in years to come.

"You must remember, Sam, that you promised to take Liza for better or worse."
"Yassir, I know that, boss," replied the darkey. "But don't she's ass don't took her fer."—Every body's.

What Would It Be Worth to You To Be Free of Indigestion

INDIGESTION becomes a habit to a certain extent. Many of the conditions under which we live are artificial. We eat too much, take too little natural exercise, and have too much worry and anxiety. The digestive system does not get a chance.

The liver is usually first to get out of kilter, then the bowels become constipated, and the whole process of digestion is disorganized. Instead of being properly digested, the food ferments and causes sour stomach, belching of wind, pressure of gas about the heart, suffocating feelings and fainting spells.

Headaches, pains in the limbs and back, tired, depressed feelings, irritability and discouragement are other symptoms.

You may have tried stomach medicines and aids to digestion until you have given up in despair.

And Rid of the Poisons Which Cause Pain, Tired Feelings?

Operation Avoided

Mrs. Annie Watkins, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, writes: "I think it is time for me to give my experience with your wonderful Kidney-Liver Pills. For seven months I suffered with what the doctor called indigestion, but whatever it was, I suffered terribly. The pain would start under my left shoulder and pass down my side until it reached the pit of my stomach. It just seemed as if the flesh were being torn from the bone. At times I used to go without food from one morning until the next. I had no energy left for work at all. At last, our doctor sent me to the hospital for a month. For four days and nights I never broke my fast except for a drink of water. After four weeks' treatment here I returned home, and was back only four days when the pain came back worse than ever. Then I was told I must have to undergo an operation, but I would not consent to that. At last I read about Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and started to take them. I did not notice much difference, but still I kept on using them, and by the time four boxes were used I was perfectly well again. That was in 1914, so you see I can safely say that I was cured. I shall always be grateful to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, as they did more for me than four doctors."

But what would it be worth to you to be free of all this trouble, to feel again the old energy and vigor, and to enjoy healthful living?

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"Shoot the Way You Shout"

A Good Motto to Be Learned During These War Times

Theodore Roosevelt has long been known as an apt phrase-maker. "Speak simply, but carry a big stick," "malefactor of great wealth," "raids, suicide," and many others come to mind as his contribution to the vernacular string of what we may perhaps be permitted to call the American language. At a recent meeting in New York he coined an other epigrammatic sentence, which should be added to the list. A great audience gathered in Madison Square Garden at a public meeting under the auspices of the mayor's committee on national defence. The crowd shouted its approval of the patriotic speeches to which it listened. The speech of a captain in the Australian army who has been wounded twenty times in the war was received with special enthusiasm. When Mr. Roosevelt's turn came he referred to this Australian soldier's speech as the best address of the evening, and said to the audience that they did well to applaud him, but added: "I want to see you shoot the way you shout. The country must realize this more fully than perhaps it does if the United States and its allies are to be victorious in the war. 'Shoot the way you shout' is a good motto for the war times.—The Outlook

THANKFUL MOTHERS

Mrs. Willie Theriault, Paquetville, N. B., says: "I am extremely thankful that I tried Baby's Own Tablets for my baby. Through their use baby thrived wonderfully and I feel as if I cannot recommend them too highly." Baby's Own Tablets break up colds and simple fevers; cure constipation, colic and indigestion and make teething easy. In fact they cure all the minor ills of little ones. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Getting Off Easy

"Dick, you've told me that story once before."
"What of it? I've told it to some of the fellows five times."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

B. C. Fisheries

British Columbia's fisheries products for the year ending March 31, 1916, were valued at fourteen million dollars, says a series of figures issued from the King's printer at Victoria. The valuation is forty per cent greater than the previous year's production of Canada and exceeds similar outputs of any other province.

Unprepared

Edith—Were you taken by surprise when he proposed, dear?

Edith—Goodness, yes. Why I hadn't looked up his financial standing.

"Who is going to score the new opera you are going to produce?"
"I am afraid it is going to be the critics."—Baltimore American.

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Anchor of the Allied Cause

Lloyd George Tells About Work of the British Navy

It is sometimes asked: "What is the British navy doing?" An answer to the question is given in Lloyd George's statement in the house of commons of its work during the three years of the war. It has enabled 13,000,000 men to cross and recross the seas, with the loss of only 3,500. It has also safeguarded the transportation of 25,000,000 tons of explosives and 51,000,000 tons of coal. That is surely a wonderful feat of naval efficiency. And while protecting the shipping of the allies and making possible their prosecution of the war, it has kept the seas closed to enemy navies and rendered their battleships useless and impotent. The British premier does not overstate the case in saying that the British navy is the anchor of the allied cause.—New York Herald.

General Jan Smuts

With the exception of Premier Lloyd George, there is no man in the public eye today who occupies such a prominent position as General Jan Christian Smuts. Indeed, he has been referred to as "the Empire's greatest asset," and he is now one of the most outstanding figures in the councils of the nation. Fate seems to have marked him out as one of the few men who will exercise a decisive voice in both political and military matters having to do with the concluding phase of the war.—Montreal Herald.

Brent—Old chap, I've been duck shooting. Don't you know?

Sanderson—Duck shooting? Why, you don't know a wild duck from a tame one.

Brent—Oh, yes, I do—the wild brenags got away.—Boston Transcript.

Sheep in Strong Demand

Great Interest Being Taken in Sheep Raising in Saskatchewan

Judging by the correspondence received by the live stock branch of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture, a great development is due to take place in the sheep industry of this province. Inquiries from intending purchasers are being received daily, and the demand is not confined to any particular section, as farmers from all over the province, of both wool and mutton, are anxious to engage in so profitable a branch of their industry. Two thousand head purchased under the live stock purchase and sales act of this province have been placed this fall, and orders for many more are already on hand and increasing rapidly. With a view to keeping in the province as many sheep as possible, a circular letter is being sent to all sheep owners, asking them to advise their department of any sheep they may have for sale. It is hoped by this means to satisfy at least part of the demand this fall. The apparently general desire to get into the sheep raising is viewed with much satisfaction.

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Doing a Big Business

Success of Co-operation in Saskatchewan Is Shown

Since the passage of the agricultural co-operative associations act, three years ago, 352 co-operative associations have been formed in Saskatchewan, being an average of two associations per township for the whole of the period. Of these, 91 were organized during the year ending April 30, 1916. One of the best ways of showing the rapid development of co-operation among farmers of this province is to quote from one of the tables in the report of the co-operative organizations branch of the department of agriculture the total turnover of the associations in the three years since the passage of the act. For 1914 the amount was \$281,354.64; for 1915 it was \$664,829.67, and in 1916 it reached \$2,232,829. This means that in 1916 more than seven and a half times as much business was done in co-operation as in 1914. The associations, with assets of only \$192,51 did a business for the year amounting to \$85,302.80.

A Remedy for Earache.—To have the earache torture, The ear is a delicate organ and few care to deal with it, considering it work for a simple remedy. A few drops upon a piece of lint or mull, and the earache is gone. The ear will work wonders in relieving pain.

A Nation Once Again

Will the Jews Return to Palestine at Conclusion of the War

The revival of a territorial Jewish nation again occupies the public mind. The national aspirations of Jewry find many advocates on this side of the Atlantic. One of the oldest nations in the world, the national idea has come down through the centuries as the proud inheritance of the Hebrew people. At the close of the last century, when the excited race readily adapted itself to strange environments, and after the Jewish traditions, it rarely loses its identity in the land of its adoption. On the other hand, only a small percentage of Jews take more than an academic interest in the Zionist movement. Now that Zionism as a practical policy is allied to the cause of the Jews in the prosecution of the war in Palestine, deeper interest has been awakened in the future of the Holy Land. So far as the British war is concerned, Zionism plays little part in the scheme of reconstruction after the war. Would the Jews who have settled in other countries go back to Palestine in any considerable numbers? Of the million Jews of New York, five per cent only, it is said, are interested in the Zionist idea. The Jew has not been conspicuously successful as a nation in the land of his fathers. He has been a successful trader and commerce to agriculture. The persecution of the Jew has practically ceased throughout the world. Victory for the allies will break the last shackles of tyranny. With the Jewish people themselves rests their future destiny. Any movement towards the re-establishment of the Jewish nation will meet with a large measure of support from the English-speaking nations.—Toronto Globe.

National Problems

Uncovered by War

Solving Soldiers' Industrial Problem Also Solves Canada's

"We are already hearing of preparedness for 'war' labor war! Land settlement, tuberculosis and industrial and vocational education are all national problems who had performed more apparent through their being forcibly brought to our attention by the urgency of the disabled soldier problem," declares Mr. T. B. Kidner, secretary of the vocational training branch of the military hospitals commission in drawing attention to the importance of vocational training to the country as well as to the individual soldier.

"In providing for the rehabilitation of our soldiers we are providing for the future of Canada."

"Ma says that the paper says that the lodge gave you a vote of thanks. What is a vote of thanks, dad?"
"A vote of thanks is an expression of gratitude as a body that is no way binding on the individual."—Judge.

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A World Beater

Saskatchewan's Production per Capita Unusually High

In a recent speech at Regina, Saskatchewan, the Hon. C. E. Manning, provincial treasurer of that province, stated that he believed he was absolutely within the mark when he said that this year the total production in the province of Saskatchewan, with a population of 700,000, agricultural and otherwise, was \$400,000,000, the production per capita possibly not being equalled anywhere else in the world. Of this amount, he thought he was not placing the profit too high at one-third. This would mean a clear profit of \$133,333 to the people of Saskatchewan.

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Called the Czar a Pig

Story of an Italian Who Lost His Temper

The story of an Italian who was sent to Siberia and how he managed to get to this land of exile is in picture language by Foster Jones in the current issue of the Century Magazine.

Elsewhere in this issue of cut-throats called Paresel I found an Italian named Giovanni," he writes. "Poor young fellow, he was called 'Paresel' by the Czar's own nose and the eyes of a Sicilian. He was starved and

"I am surprised to meet an Italian here," he hazarded.

"The Italian became most surprised. It was all most unexpected. I am an engineer. I have study at Turin and Milan. Before the war I worked with Russians at railway construction in the Eastern Siberia. When Italy came to Italy I go to my country and fight also; so please, I may not move one little inch. I may not go to fight."

Then I lost the temper at once, and like a more I am Italian. I pull the damn czar's nose. I am Italian. I fight when I want to. I call him a pig and a damn pig. I am a long-legged stork. I make him verra angry, too, and I go to my house. At midnight four men come and pull me from the bed. 'Giovanni,' they say, 'you are now the exile.' I reply it is not true; but it is true. I am put in the prison. I am robbed. I am sent here. I have written to our ambassador at Petrograd. He is the doctor, yes, maybe, but I never have the letter. To get angry was great mistake. In Paris there is the automata. You drop in five centimes in the slot, the automata in Russia you swear at the czar and get the exile. It is just so easy."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Many Germans Enter Holland

During August and September no fewer than 35,000 German deserters crossed the Dutch frontier. The dread of having to endure another winter in Flanders is probably the chief reason for this increased leakage. Suspicious are, however, being entertained that all these desertions may mean something more than a desire to pass into Holland with a hidden purpose.

Pretty Bad

At the end of three weeks of married life a southern darkey returned to his native land who had performed the ceremony and asked for a divorce. After explaining that he could not grant divorce, the minister tried to dissuade his visitor from carrying out his intention.

Christmas

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Too Personal

Music hath charms, right enough; but the inhabitants of a certain shabby street were fed up with "The Lost Chord," as tangle up by a wandering cornet player.

He paused, waiting for the pennies which came not. Then, with a sigh, he kicked his tips and began again, this time on "White Wings." Two seconds later a window was banged up, and, instead of the expected cornet, a chair leg was flung at his head, missing him by half an inch.

As he gazed in stupefied wonder round him, another window opened, and a voice said, warningly:

"I wouldn't give 'em any more 'White Wings' 'ere, if I was you, mate. The bloke out lives in 'at 'cuse 'as just come out o' jail for plegen stealin' 'is 'airn' fond o' that tune!"

Correct

Inspector: "You are a coal man?"
Prisoner: "Yes yer honor."
Inspector: "And you drive a coal cart?"
Prisoner: "No, yer honor."
Inspector: "Then what do you drive?"
Prisoner: "A 'oss, yer honor."

No More
"Flying is dangerous business. Never again for me!"
"Why, I didn't know you had ever been up in an aeroplane."
"Who said I had? I was referring to the flyer I took in the stock market last week."

Real Generosity

"I suppose you expect a tip."
"I'm not too proud to accept one sir."

"Well, you can have the rest of this pile. I can't eat it."

Outclassed

"Never mind, old man," said she sympathetic friend. "You've got the law on your side."
"I know it," replied the man who was trying to recover damages from a soulless corporation, "but the lawyers are on the other side."

Buncoed

"Do you think a girl can be happy if she marries for money?"
"Not always. Sometimes she doesn't get the money."

Rear-swing

Customer: "Didn't you nip off a piece of my ear, then?"
Barber: "Yes, sir, a small piece; but not enough to affect the hearing, sir!"

Accommodating

"Look here, conductor," said the agitated commuter. "I left my commutation ticket in my other coat. Can't you punch it twice to-morrow?"
"Yes," replied the conductor. "I can do that if you wish."
"Thanks, old man. That's awfully kind of you," said the commuter, much relieved.
"But you'll have to pay the regular fare to-day just the same," continued the conductor.

Not Now

"Jones always said he intended to be the master in his own house."
"Yes, and he was until the baby arrived."

Auditor's Financial Statement and Annual Returns of the Rural Municipality of Battle River No. 423

For First Ten Months of Year 1917

Receipts					
Balance from previous year...	\$ 791.22	Labor	5,688.65	Office Furniture and Fixtures	200.00
Proceeds of Notes	3,819.10	Material	89.69	Tools and Machinery	382.00
Municipal Taxes	9,899.07	Machinery, Tools, Repairs	34.25	Land and Buildings	500.00
School Taxes	6,189.93	Professional Treasurer Account		Total	\$29,651.39
Educational Taxes	471.36	Educational Taxes	514.48	Liabilities	
Scales and Cemetery Fees	43.00	School Districts	7,056.35	Outstanding Cheques	\$ 251.12
Outstanding Cheques	251.12	Sundries: Acquiring Land	39.60	Uncollected Education Taxes	862.40
Total	\$21,464.80	Cash on hand	27.15	Due School District Account	588.23
Expenditures		Balance:		Uncollected School Taxes	11,036.41
Paid on Notes	\$ 990.30	Bank Book Balance	4,304.17	Notes held by Bank	3,000.00
Printing, Postage, Stationery	120.24	Cash on hand	493.42	Metal Culverts	125.00
Salaries: Sec.-Treas. ..	\$400.00	Total	\$21,464.80	Bal. Assets over Liabilities	13,788.23
Auditor	25.00	Assets		Total	\$29,651.39
Council Fees:		Balance:		Memorandum of Equipment	
Meetings and Mileage	151.10	Bank Book Balance	\$ 4,304.17	Number of Saws, 1, of Desks 1, of	
Supervision of roads and		Cash on hand	493.37	Chairs 12,	
mileage	117.00	Uncollected Education Tax	862.40	Number of Graders 1, Wheel Scrapers 2,	
Grants:		Uncollected Municipal Tax	10,408.39	Slush Scrapers 29,	
Agricultural Soc. ..	\$ 125.00	Uncollected School Tax	11,036.41	Number of Ploughs, 7,	
Aid and Relief	1,200.00	Advances to School Districts	1,464.65	Other Equipment: 4 Fresno's.	
	1,325.00				

SCHOOL TAXES

Name of School District	No. of School Acreage	Total Rate per acre	Current Taxes	Arrears Taxes	Total Taxes Current and Arrears	Total Amount Collected	Amount Uncollected	Amount Paid School District	Amount Paid in Excess of Amount Collected	Amount Collected in Excess of Amount Paid
Sunny Brae	2075	8,716.4	12 1/2c	\$1,087.87	\$ 623.93	\$ 1,711.80	\$ 758.16	\$ 953.64	\$ 860.00	\$ 101.48
Strawberry Plains	1709	7,518	12c	902.16	581.89	1,484.05	635.17	848.88	656.25	21.08
Ross	2042	6,803	16c	1,088.48	1,677.40	2,765.88	1,081.96	1,683.92	940.00	141.96
Bronson	2364	8,496.4	12 1/2c	1,061.82	1,645.38	2,707.20	1,363.53	2,343.67	938.00	574.47
Battle Heights	3090	11,156	8c	892.48	709.24	1,601.72	595.31	1,006.41	872.90	277.59
Sydenham	1869	4,751	10 1/2c	498.35	317.70	816.05	520.15	296.40	480.00	-40.15
Glenholm	2430	6,553.7	4c	262.13	354.40	616.53	235.96	380.57		235.96
Ascot	2952	1,280	12c	153.60	88.89	242.49	129.21	113.28		14.01
Roseberry	1743	10,230	2c	204.60	469.13	673.73	231.24	442.49	200.00	81.24
Education Point	2849	3,288.7	11c	361.75	433.34	795.09	286.90	508.19	304.20	17.30
Alma Mater	3160	9,428	14 1/2c	1,367.02	652.72	2,019.74	937.41	1,082.33	812.50	124.91
Lewisville	3041	5,806.3	18 1/2c	1,074.10	717.46	1,791.56	414.93	1,376.63	877.30	462.37
Total				\$8,954.86	\$8,271.48	\$17,226.34	\$6,189.93	\$11,036.41	\$7,056.35	\$1,454.65

Educational Taxes

Ward	Arrears Taxes	Current Taxes	Total Taxes	Amount Collected	Amount Uncollected	Amount Forwarded to Prov. Treas.
Ward 1	\$ 48.01	\$ 77.37	\$ 125.38	\$ 9.70	\$ 38.31	
Ward 2	224.37	77.37	301.74	205.85	95.89	
Ward 3	150.25	176.15	326.40	95.75	230.65	
Ward 4	274.49	126.55	401.04	46.19	354.85	
Ward 5	93.44	89.93	183.37	96.67	86.70	
Ward 6	47.20	26.00	73.20	17.20	56.00	
Total	\$837.76	\$496.00	\$1,333.76	\$471.36	\$862.40	\$514.48

Municipal Taxes

Ward	Total Assessed Valuation	Current Taxes \$ mills on \$	Arrears Taxes	Total Taxes Current and Arrears	Amount Collected	Amount Uncollected
Ward 1 ..	\$248,603.40	\$ 1,973.33	\$1,492.75	\$ 3,466.08	\$1,449.34	\$ 2,016.74
Ward 2 ..	317,680.00	2,541.27	1,888.42	4,379.69	2,869.34	1,510.35
Ward 3 ..	264,025.00	2,133.08	436.77	2,569.85	974.10	1,595.75
Ward 4 ..	313,598.00	2,508.70	996.75	3,505.45	1,224.31	2,281.14
Ward 5 ..	173,859.70	1,390.81	785.35	2,176.16	1,493.26	682.90
Ward 6 ..	291,199.00	2,329.44	1,880.79	4,210.23	1,888.72	2,321.51
Total	\$1,608,965.10	\$12,876.63	\$7,430.83	\$20,307.46	\$9,899.07	\$10,408.39

Statement of Expenditure on Roads

Location of Expenditure	Grading and Repairing Roads	Material	Total
45 7 4	\$ 786.43	\$ 6.40	\$ 792.83
46 7 4	1,042.79	8.50	1,051.29
44 8 4	414.00		414.00
45 8 4	473.90		473.90
46 8 4	436.17	4.77	440.94
44 9 4	619.86		619.86
45 9 4	1,162.67	8.50	1,171.17
46 9 4	752.83	53.42	806.25
General		8.10	8.10
Total	\$5,688.65	\$89.69	\$5,778.34

I certify to the correctness of this Statement.

Dated at Irma this 30th day of November, 1917.

R. J. TATE, Sec.-Treas.
M. AINSIE, Auditor.

REMARKS—Owing to method of keeping work sheets it is impossible to give a correct statement of expenditure of roads.—M. Ainsie, Auditor.

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Canada has just passed through the most important and most strenuous campaign in its history. The election was fought mainly on the issue of conscription and the government was returned to power on that issue with a decided majority. It has now the mandate of the people to carry out the Military Service Act to the letter, and its now up to the United Government to enforce it equitably and with fairness as far as is humanly possible. The Act should be rigidly applied to any district or "province" that has not furnished its quota, either under voluntary enlistment or under the first application of the draft.

Patriotism.

Patriotism is one of the most noble impulses which stir the human heart. It is an unselfish love which is as pure as that of the mother for her babe. It means a love of country and a willingness to fight, bleed and die for one's country. One's country means one's fellow men. A willingness to fight, bleed and die for one's fellow men

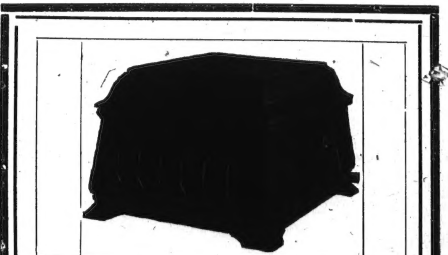
is an expression of the highest and purest form of love conceivable. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Then—

You have no enemies? Then you have never stood up for right or against wrong; you have never dared to defend your own right against persecution. Had you done these things but achieved a little more success in your business than your neighbor, if your children were a little brighter in school, a little better behaved out of school, you would have made enemies, for failure hates success. The man who has no enemies, should be ashamed of himself.—Ex

Every Town Has Them.

An exchange says every town has a liar or two, a smart alec, some pretty girls, more loafers than it needs, a woman that tattles, an old fogey the town would be better off without, men who stand on the corner and make remarks about the women, the man who laughs the idiotic laugh every time he says anything, scores of men with the caboose of their trousers worn smooth as glass, men who can tell you just how the war question ought to be settled, foretell the weather and how to run other people's business, all of whom have probably made dismal failures of their own.



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202	Beattie, N. S.	1	2	
312	Burton, A.	1	2	
103	Chamberlain, W. B. C.	1	3	
411	Christenson, C.	1	1	
302	Clark, J. G.		2	
110	Costen, C. Z.	2	1	2
21	Co-Op. Store			
215	Dixon, A. A.	1	1	3
210	Eaton, Ross			
211	Eaton, W. O.			2
102	Elliott, J. R.		2	
107	Elliott, W. E.		2	1
207	Fenton, J.		2	1
109	Fischer, A. A.		4	1
408	Fuder, N. L.		3	1
403	Erickson Bros.		3	
108	Graham, G.		3	1
304	Greene, G.		4	
416	Gulbraa, Jos.	1	1	1
415	Gulbraa, J. B.			3
217	Hardy, P. J. Res.	1	2	1
218	Hardy, P. J. Office	1	3	
213	Higginson, F.	1	3	
305	Higginson, G.		5	
207	Hill, C. T.		1	1
114	Johnston, F. D.	1	4	
410	Kasten, H.			2
313	King, W. H.	1	3	
309	Knowles, T.		4	1
407	Knudson, C. J.		2	1
413	Knudson, H.	1	3	
409	Knudson, M. T.		4	1
405	Larson, O.		5	
214	Lattiner, C.	1	4	
406	Lingquist, O.		1	1
402	Lisson, R. J.		2	
219	Love, H. W.	1	4	1
304	McCully, J. W.		4	
412	McDonald, J. A.	1	2	1
417	McKay, C.	1	2	
205	McKnight, J.		5	
112	McMillan, A.	1	2	
106	McLean, J. C.		1	1
203	McMurray, O.		3	
113	Milburn, J. W.	1	3	
306	Miles, S. C.	1	1	
209	Sellers, T. N.		4	1
310	Sissons, G. A.			2
208	Smart, A.		3	1
414	Steffenson, O.	1	4	
303	Steele, W. B.		3	
216	Stewart & Peterson	1	1	1
308	Thompson, B.		3	1
104	Toh, C. A.		4	
220	Tripp, G. A.			4
418	Wold, M.	1	3	1
105	Yarr, T.		5	

POPULAR WANTS.

WANTED.—To buy hay.—Apply to J. B. Gulbraa, Irma. 43

For Sale.—3 Poland China boars, 4 months-old, eligible for registration. Apply C. C. Riddle, NW 18-47-7, with.

FOR SALE.—Young pigs.—Apply to Thos. Shaw, Irma.

STRAYED.—To Lent Hardy's Sec. 4-47-9, one red and white steer. Owner can have it on paying expenses.

FOR SALE.—A few good grade Shropshire Ewes and Lambs. Apply to R.G. Williamson, Irma.

FOR SALE.—Second hand For Touring car for sale cheap or trade for stock. See Wyatt and Peterson, Irma, Alta. 37-3

STRAYED.—On the farm of Hy Kasten, SE 13-45-10, one bay gelding, 7 years old wt about 1200, black parts, spot on forehead. Brands  on left rib

LOST.—A black yearling filly, white star on face, no brand any information as to her whereabouts will be thankfully received by Jas. Linnen, Irma. 40-1

For Sale.—Three grade Hereford bulls, spring calves.—H. F. Jones, Irma. 41

FOR SALE.—Pure bred young Dorset Jersey sows and boars. William M. Rees, SW 28-45-9 W4, Irma, Alberta.

E. B. Mitchell is now prepared to grind all kinds of feed on the N E quarter 36-45-9. McPhese homestead.

STRAYED.—From the NW 1/4 of 2-47-11, 2 miles north of Kinsella in the latter part of June, a 2 yr old mouse brown mare, with white star on forehead, wt about 1200, small sore under belly, old wire cut above left hind heel, rather like a mule in appearance. \$25 will be given for information leading to recovery. —G.G. Chapman, Kinsella.

FOR SALE.—Two heifers coming fresh this winter. 1 cow fresh 1st of May. Apply Jones, Irma. 45

LOST.—20 head of cattle and spring calves, branded H G. Information will be thankfully received by R. A. Summers. 32-47-9. 45

LOST.—1 holstein steer no horns, 1 black heifer, white hind legs, 1 black steer no horns, 1 red and white with horns, all coming 2 years. Brand 2X. \$2 reward per head for information leading to recovery. H. Kasten, Irma. 45

STRAYED.—from the SW 2-28-4 w 4th, one dark brown gelding branded Y with a circle around it on left shoulder, one sorrel gelding branded the same. Information of same would greatly oblige A.W. Bishop, Irma p.o. 45

Notice to Creditors and Claimants.

NOTICE, in the estate of Albert Dalton, late of the village of Irma, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Albert Dalton who died on the 7th day of June A.D. 1917, are required to file with H.V. Fieldhouse, Esq., Barrister, etc., Wainwright, Alberta, by the 17th day of January, A.D. 1918, a full statement, duly verified of their claims, and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executor will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Dated this 26th day of November A.D. 1917.
H.V. Fieldhouse, Solicitor for the Executor, Wainwright, Alta. Approved, Nov. 26th, 1917.
Signed, J.L. Crawford, J.D.C.E.

ARRANGE CLASSES FOR FLYING CORPS RECRUITS

Arrangements have been made with the public school board of Edmonton to hold classes of instruction prepared by Royal Flying Corps for such candidates as have not the necessary educational standard. The course will take six weeks to cover and those wishing to take advantage of it should apply to room 20 Credit Foncier Bldg for further information. Classes will open after the Christmas holidays. Men are badly needed for this branch of the service, and those wishing to enlist voluntarily are requested to call at the R.F.C. recruiting office.

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Meet the First Friday in every month. Visitors welcome H Burkholder, W M A R Pennock, Sec'y

STRAYED.—To my place NE. 17-45-9, 1 red mooley steer, 1 yr old owner can have same by paying expenses. J.B. Gulbraa. 46-7

LOST.—On the trail from J. S. Gulbraa to town, a parcel containing some gray yarn. Will finder please return to F. W. Watkinson. Irma. 46

STRAYED.—on the NW 1/4 sec 12-45-5 w th, 1 red steer about 3 yrs old, end of horns cut off no visible brand. One black spring calf heifer, no brand, owner can have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Wm. Mulligan, Irma. 46-47p

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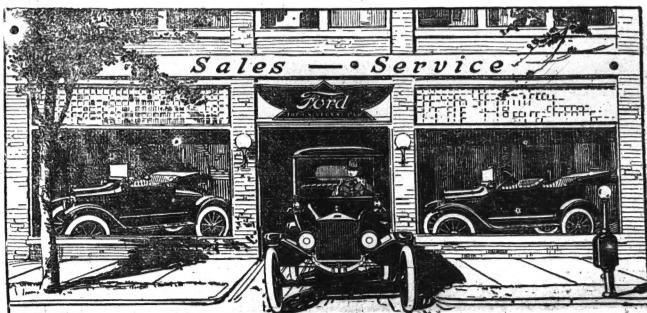
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Now is the time to build and make repairs, your building will cost no less later on. Lumber will never be cheaper than it is at the present time.

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Fighting the Submarine

The Work of the Farmer in Guarding the Liberty of the World

In a statement dealing with the world food situation, Mr. Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator, said in a speech today: "If we can produce such economies in consumption and such stimulation in production in the United States and Canada as will enable us to feed the allies absolutely from this continent, and thus enable them in the final analysis to be without sending a ship farther afield than our Atlantic seaboard, we can resist the submarine indefinitely."

"The Canadian and United States supplies of wheat, upon a normal export basis, fall approximately 350,000,000 bushels short of the allied needs. If by conservation measures in Canada and the United States we can increase the export by 150,000,000 bushels we will have reduced the deficiency to 200,000,000 bushels. This is enough to feed one people would eat 1 pound less of wheat four per week, and 1 pound of corn meal instead."

"The farmer who works overtime and the consumer who economizes in his consumption are fighting the submarine with a positive and sure weapon."

"The production of more fats is today a critical necessity for the preservation of these people and the maintenance of their resistance in the war. Every pound of fat is as sure of service as every bullet, and every ounce of oil is as sure of the winning of this war as a shell."

"Every spade full of earth turned by the farmer and every animal reared is lessening human suffering and guaranteeing the liberty of the world."

A Grateful Prisoner

German Prisoner in England Writes Home About Kind Treatment

A member of the soldiers' wives' club has just sent me a clipping from an English daily, showing how comfortable one wounded German prisoner in England is. It is a translation of that written by the prisoner:

In a British Hospital.

My dear M—, my dear children, my dear mother,

How terribly I wish the expression "prisoner" were not in my ears. But your anxiety will be needless, for, to tell the truth, I have hitherto not been treated as a prisoner, but as a received nothing but love and care for my wounds, which are severe, and everything is done for me to recover. Here my life is, in fact, everything that can be done for a wounded man.

Therefore, my dear ones, respect our enemies. I have always had a great dread of falling into English hands, but now that fate has overtaken me, I have learned better, and I see no trace of anything but tender love on the part of my former enemies.

My food could not be better than this, although I can eat very little. I have meat, eggs, fruit, and plenty of meat and potatoes beautifully cooked. They give me almost too much, but I eat it all. I am satisfied. The food does not suit me, so coffee is specially prepared for me, and I have a good deal of it. As if you had made it with your own hands.

Could a wounded prisoner ask for anything more? Don't you say I am doing nothing but kindness towards our wounded enemies, particularly Englishmen, if you happen to meet any of our countrymen, treat them kindly, and remember how much they are doing for me here.

I am doing my whole life for the kindness of my doctor and his assistants, the nurses and orderlies, and I shall think of them gratefully when the peace bells ring on every side. Now, my faithful M— and all of you, we will pray to God that I may be able to return to my dear home.

Just now I asked a sergeant here to get me a book. I have not got it ready, and tears of joy come to my eyes, for I know what pleasure it will give you. Now, farewell, my dear M—, may God's mercy be upon us. Receive loving greetings and kisses of your father.

The Need of France

Must Be Met by Our Conserving Food Supplies

Figures made public by Mr. Maurice Clavier, French minister for agriculture, in 1913, showed that the production of France, in a recent statement, will astonish many of the people of Canada who do not yet realize how grave the food situation really is. Mr. Long stated that the 1917 crop of France was only 39,900,000 hundredweights, as compared with 87,850,000 hundredweights in 1913; 76,930,000 hundredweights in 1914; 63,000,000 hundredweights in 1915; and 58,410,000 hundredweights in 1916.

The entire production in France of cereals, potatoes, and beetroot was only 223,000,000 hundredweights as against a production in 1913 of 338,000,000 hundredweights. With the most vigorous rationing, France will require to import during the coming year not less than 40,000,000 hundredweights of cereals.

The people of France have done their utmost to produce food. While the men have been fighting, the women have been working in the fields. They have been working in the fields and in order to support the men at the front, hundreds of women have even dragged the plows. They have tried to make any use of the land which it is in their power to make, but they look to North America for the relief of their dire need of money in food. France must be fed, and the people of Canada and the United States must provide the food, unless the whole allied cause is to be endangered, for there is no other accessible source of supply—Canadian Food.

"Unasciabile, isn't he?" "Very. Even misery wouldn't like his company."

One of Heroes of Flanders

Sergeant Cope, a Soldier of Considerable Valor

How a brave sergeant of the Northampton regiment swam the river Yser and gave the warning of an impending attack in a recent battle on the Belgian coast is graphically but modestly told in his own words in a London newspaper.

"I was retiring to the support line," said the sergeant, "when the Germans started coming down the communication trenches. An officer told me to get a dozen men and try to stop them. I had a bit of a 'go' at them as they went from trench to trench, but they were too good 'sploshed' but three. Retiring again, I got another dozen men together, and had another go at them, but they were too good for me. I retired to the canal, ten of the Germans trying to 'scotch' me, but I only got a tap in the back. I dashed into the canal, which was about 46 feet wide, and I got safely to the other side. I reached the next division of the front line, and I saw one or two Generals, who told me I was lucky to get out of it, and now I'm home on ten days' leave."

Sergeant Cope, 218 hero of this episode, is the son of a shoemaker of London, England. Although he has only just reached his twenty-first birthday he has already been awarded five times.

Tribute to Canadian Soldiers

Dash of French and Tenacity of Anglo-Saxon Accounts of Their Great Deeds

The French newspaper, *Excelsior*, published an interview with Lieutenant Arthur Currie, commander of Canadian army corps, who paid the highest tribute to his men. In the course of the interview General Currie said:

"The French and the two races which give us such fine soldiers. They have got the dash and irresistible dash of the French, and the tenacity of the Anglo-Saxon. It is 'Francaise' coupled with bulldog grit in their boys have their teeth in it."

General Currie retailed with pride that the Canadian army did not know of a retreat, and that the appearance on the battlefield to its recent capture of Passchendaele was a triumph of the Canadian spirit.

"That is one of the reasons of the success of the Canadian army. It is an army that has never known defeat can be led to the end of the world. It is an army that is ready for the army's fine, sturdy spirit. They are fighting with full conviction, and they are not afraid of death. These 450,000 volunteers did not join up and leave the comfort of their homes in order to hunt and kill. They have resolutely descended into the furnace of war in order to defend their country and their civilization handed down by past generations, and they will not give up until they have won."

General Currie spoke in glowing terms of the officers under his command and of the men who were doing their whole life for the cause. He said that the men were doing their whole life for the cause, and he said that the men were doing their whole life for the cause.

Asked when the war would end, he replied:

"When there are no more Boches."

All Trades Opened

To Returned Men

M.H.C. Perfects Plans Which Will Make Factories Training Centres

There are now 39 different vocations being taught in the vocational training centres of the military hospitals commission-linked across Canada.

This number will be increased indefinitely to embrace the whole category of industries in Canada, if necessary when the present plan is put into effect. The plan is to place men needing to learn new trades by reason of their injuries in the factories have been put into operation.

The co-operation of the Canadian Manufacturers' association has made it possible for the commission to offer the men this inestimable advantage of working under actual industrial conditions in learning their new trades.

The Birthplace of Flying

When the French bombed Stuttgart a few days ago they raised the very cradle of aircraft engines. It was there that Daimler, developing the Otto gas engine, evolved the first internal combustion engine, which an ingenious Frenchman harnessed to the first practicable motor car. It was there that the great Daimler motor works, which arose at Stuttgart, Count Zeppelin evolved his levitation dirigible. It was there that the first airplane flight would have been impossible. But for what he saw and learnt at Stuttgart, Daimler would never have made his name exalted and a byword among men.

A company is being organized at Copenhagen for the construction of reinforced concrete ships. It is believed the industry will have a future. Internal combustion engines are being rapidly with which tonnage can be produced. Norway has launched its first concrete ship.

Fried-Well, old man, have you found that two can live as cheaply as one?

Newlywed—Perhaps, but not as peaceably.

Old Tea Looks All Right

Old tea and fresh tea, poor tea and good tea, all look alike. No wonder a woman often gets a bulk tea she doesn't like.

Red Rose Tea in the sealed package is always fresh, always good, always worth the price on the label.

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A DOMINION WIDE CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PRODUCTION

CANADIAN PRODUCERS MUST RESPOND TO CALL

Federal Department of Agriculture is Directing the Campaign And the Provincial Departments of Agriculture Have Taken Up the Work with Determination and Enthusiasm

A campaign for increased production of food animals, with special emphasis on the necessity of a large supply of pork products, has been launched in every province in the last issue of the Canadian Food Bulletin, the federal department of agriculture is directing the campaign and the provincial departments of agriculture have taken up the work with enthusiasm and determination to make the campaign a complete success. The objective is an average increase of fifty per cent in the production of hogs in Canada by 1919.

Following the meeting in Ottawa of representatives of all of the provinces of Eastern Canada, as reported in the last issue of the Canadian Food Bulletin, representatives of the western departments of agriculture were given a preliminary meeting with officials of the federal department. Those attending the conference included western deputy ministers of agriculture, western live stock breeders and representatives of breeding associations.

Mr. Hanna addressed the meeting on November 7. He emphasized the necessity of an increased production of food animals, and stated that the packing house industry should be regulated to the satisfaction of the consumer. The food controller, Mr. J. D. McGregor, also addressed the meeting, stating that the food controller's office was being increased to secure an increased food production.

Mr. Hanna also read the following cable from Owen Smith, Monday, November 11, 1918, to the effect that the government had agreed to purchase three million dollars for purchase of hogs and pigs, and to the effect that the government had agreed to purchase three million dollars for purchase of hogs and pigs.

Hon. T. A. Cramer, minister of agriculture, addressed the representatives of the provinces at the meeting on November 7. He promised that the government would regulate the packing house and regulate the margin of profit between the producers and the consumers. He said that those who had studied the food situation were seized by the fact that there was a shortage of food in many lines, and that the government was doing its utmost to increase the production of food.

To obviate this as much as possible it was necessary to take the situation in hand at once. The minister remarked that there were difficulties in the situation. One of these was the shortage of live stock, which was a very serious question. In this connection he said that perhaps there was some misapprehension existing in the minds of the farmer regarding the intentions of the government under the military service act. He declared that it was not the intention of the government that men needed for the work of production on the farm should be taken.

Mr. Cramer said that the view had been expressed that in order to insure the maximum of production there should be some guarantee of price from the government. He insisted that this would be a very difficult matter for the government to do at the present time. The shortage of food was a very serious question, and the government was doing its utmost to increase the production of food.

He would like to see a definite assurance given as to the prices that farmers would get for their hogs, but that was impossible. In view of the shortage, however, they were running a big risk at all.

Mr. H. S. Arkell, acting live stock commissioner, presided at the meeting. Addresses were delivered by Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario; Hon. J. H. Macdonald, minister of agriculture for Ontario; Mr. H. S. Arkell, acting live stock commissioner for Canada; Mr. George Brown, former lieutenant governor of Saskatchewan; Mr. J. D. McGregor, food controller; and Prof. G. E. Day.

The food controller said that there was a shortage of food, and that the war was a very serious question. He said that the government was doing its utmost to increase the production of food, and that the government was doing its utmost to increase the production of food.

He assured the delegates that the food controller would be in touch with the farmers, and that the government would be in touch with the farmers. He said that the government would be in touch with the farmers, and that the government would be in touch with the farmers.

"We guarantee that the farmers will get their full share of the products of the land, and that there will be no shortage of food. We guarantee that the farmers will get their full share of the products of the land, and that there will be no shortage of food."

A meeting of the Union of Live Stock Breeders' associations of the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba was held in Regina, Nov. 7. J. D. McGregor, a member of the live stock commission of the food controller's office, represented Mr. Hanna, and carried a message from him to the breeders of Western Canada.

Scrubbing by Electricity

Latest Recruit to Ranks of Labor Saving Devices

The latest recruit to the ranks of electric labor-saving devices is a scrubbing machine. It weighs only 100 pounds and is entirely self-contained, with the single exception that it takes its current from any convenient socket. The machine sweeps, scrubs and dries the floor at a single operation. It requires only a single attendant, who merely pushes the handle forward and guides it. He controls the amount of water distributed on the floor by means of the handle. This water is immediately absorbed by a cylindrical brush which is 16 inches wide and has a circumference of 20 inches.

The machine is driven by a one-fourth horse power motor at a speed of 600 revolutions per minute. The brush does the actual scrubbing and carries all the dirt and soil to a receptacle on an apron into a separate receiving pan, so the scrubbing is always done without wetting from the upper tanks. The machine is said to sweep a capacity of nearly 7,000 square feet of surface per hour. But so far almost nothing has been done to make the device available in the big farm kitchen.

"She has rejected me by letter. There is no hope."

"Are you sure it's final? Nothing would give me more satisfaction."

"There's only one line."—Boston Transcript.

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Health, Happiness and Prosperity for 1918

Weatherstrip

This weather will find the weak spots in doors and windows. Better fill them up. Here's the thing to keep out the cold. Anti-Frost weatherstrip of very heavy felt in boxes of 38 feet per box. Price .75

Blankets

You'll need extra covers for the bed these nights. It costs little to keep warm with blankets at our prices. We have a large stock of flannelette, union and all wool blankets. Better buy yours before it gets real cold.

The Flannelette Blanket of good bodied soft wool flannelette 64-80 in. in white or grey with fancy pink or blue border. **Per Pair \$2.75**

Super Grey Blanket a good, warm, serviceable mixed wool blanket in dark grey with striped border. **Per Pair \$5.35**

The Edmond Cotton-Fleece Blanket has a downy wool like finish. Warm as wool and lasts longer. Color tan. Size 64-76.

The Kitchener is a splendid dark grey all wool blanket. For warmth and durability it can't be beat. **Per Pair \$9.00**

WOMEN'S RUBBERS

The Surety, a plain storm front rubber of medium weight. **Price \$1.00**

The Croquet, a plain low cut rubber for low heeled shoes. **Price .85**

The Mabel, a stylish low cut rubber for high heeled shoes. **Price .85**

The Ideal Blizzard, a low cut cloth top rubber with storm front. **Price .85**

The Parisienne, a stylish overshoe, has high cloth top, fastens with two buttons. **Price 1.40**

The Bertha, one buckle cloth topped overshoe, fleece lined, a good shoe for work around the farm. **Price 1.65**

Save Your Checks

We give one dollar in trade for every twenty dollars of our cash register checks which you return to us. This is a very substantial reduction and well worth taking advantage of.

May the new year be for you replete with abundant prosperity and happiness. We are living in serious times, but despite all that can face the coming year with high courage. 1917 has been the hardest in history for both merchant and consumer, steadily increasing prices and scarcity of materials has tried the business world severely. But the Farmers Store can look back on a year in which the public has shown increasing appreciation of its goods and service. It is our resolve to continue the good work in 1918. Make this your New Year resolution. Shop at the Co-Op and be sure of the best.

Practical Gifts For Everyone

Stationery

A gift that's welcomed by either sex. We have a variety of boxes and cabinets sure to please.

Large Cabinet Fairfax stationery with greeting card \$1.65
Large Fleur de Lis Cabinet with greeting card \$1.15
Others from 45c up

Silk Handkerchiefs

A very popular present. Shop early and you'll find a variety to choose from.

La Rose Linen handkerchiefs prettily embroidered with roses 45c
Canada Souvenir Silk handkerchiefs 60c
Plain Silk handkerchiefs 30c
An assortment of styles from 15c to 45c
1 Dozen handkerchiefs in box 50c

Neckties

A necktie makes a dandy gift for your men friends. We have a large shipment just in. All the latest styles and materials, in colors and patterns that will please the most fastidious. 65c to \$1.00

Gloves for Men or Women

This weather makes gloves or mitts very acceptable as gifts. Our stock includes both heavy or light for men or women.

Women's gloves in heavy kid colors grey, white or champagne \$2.00 and \$2.25
Men's gloves in mocha or kid, lined or unlined \$1.50 to \$2.00
Men's Mocha mitts \$2.00

Men, Women, or Children's Slippers

A large stock in all materials and styles for men, women or children. They make a pretty and useful gift.

\$1.00 to \$2.25

Give your boy a gun

Every boy wishes for a gun this Xmas. He wants to be a soldier. Our 22's are the real thing. He'll be delighted.

Stevens 22 latest model \$5.50
Hamilton 22 " model \$2.25

Gift China

Give the lady of the house some of these fine china presents. They're sure to please and will be useful all the year.

Berry sets seven pieces \$2.00

Chocolate sets eight " \$4.50

Jelly sets seven pieces \$1.00

6 cups and saucers \$2.00

Celery Boat \$1.00

Gravy Boats, Sugar and Cream Sets, Butter Dishes, Bon-Bon Dishes, Nut Bowls, Salad Bowls, Spoon Trays.

Big Buns

The most famous clock in the world, makes a very useful Xmas gift. Give the hired man one and he'll be up early right along. Same price all over Canada.

Price \$3.50

Ladies Handbags

A very useful and acceptable gift for your lady friends. In leather or morocco with small mirror.

\$1.50 and \$2.25

Foot Warmers

Keep your feet warm and comfortable while driving around this Xmas. The Clark Heater for autos or buggies does the trick.

The Clark Heater for Buggies \$2.40
Charcoal for Heater 3 bricks for .25

Winter Wear For Men

Mackinaw Coats, all wool, splendid coats to work around in. Big, roomy and comfortable. Large shawl collar. Double stitched throughout. Comes in green or grey. **\$11.35 each**

Mackinaw Coat, in khaki blanket cloth, leather faced pockets, shawl collar **\$7.00 each**

Sheep Lined Coats of stout couturys. A very warm winter coat, strong and serviceable. Large shawl collar of thick heaverette. Lined sleeves, woolen cuffs. **A bargain at \$7.75**

Sheep Lined Coats of strong grey duck. The coat for the man who works hard outdoors. Thick fur lined sheepskin lining, large beaverette collar, Kersey lined sleeves, woolen cuffs. **A bargain at \$7.25**

Sheepskin Wannigans, with leather or fibre sole. A good warm rig for winter wear inside overshoes. **Per pair \$2.65**

Overshoes, heavyweight waterproof cloth top. One buckle fastener, strong corrugated rubber soles and heels with rolled up snug. Proof edges. **Per pair \$2.35**

A lighter overshoe **Per pair \$2.25**

Winter Socks. We have them in all grades, thick or thin, cotton, cotton mixture or all wool. **From 25c up**

Mittens, heavy wool inside mitt in red or blue **50c pair**

Medium weight wool mitt in Khaki **45c pair**

Light weight grey mitt **35c pair**

Strong pliable horsehide pullovers **1.85 pair**

Excellent pigskin pullover **\$2.90 pair**

Cheaper grades in mule or chrome

Package Cereals

We can't buy these goods after this month. The Food Controller has forbidden their sale after 31st. We have a large stock of all the best known cereals. Get yours before it is too late.

Cornflakes, 2 pkgs. for 25c

Shredded Wheat, 2 pkgs. for 35c

The Irma Co-operative Co. Limited

Irma, Alberta

THE FARMERS STORE

THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO. LTD.

Are you wondering where to buy your next bill of lumber?

Why not ask your neighbor—he got his from us—ask him if he had any trouble with us showing him one grade, attempting to load him with an inferior grade and ask him if he did not get satisfaction and a better deal than offered him any place else

Talk it over with whom you please but see us before buying.

THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO., Ltd.

H. A. CLUTE, Local Mgr. IRMA, ALTA

VIKING

School closed last Friday. The students will enjoy a holiday until Wednesday, January 3rd.

Miss Ritchie, who has taught the primary grades of the Viking schools during the absence of Miss Hicks, is spending the holidays in Edmonton.

Miss W. Johnstone, teacher of the Lake Thomas school, left Friday evening to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McLaren were passengers to Ottawa on Wednesday where they will spend the Xmas holidays.

Mr. Chapman, principal of the Viking schools left Friday evening for his home in Edmonton where he will pass the holidays.

John Tymich has sold his auto livery and feed stable business to Ma. Somerville, of Biggar, Sask., who takes possession the first of the year. Mr. Tymich expects to go back to the farm in the spring.

Several cases of petty thievery have been reported in town. In most cases goods have been taken from autos standing on the streets while the owners were shopping in the stores. Steps should be taken by the village authorities to put a stop to the practice. Farmers have been the heavy losers.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has announced arrangements for holiday fares for Christmas and New Years. Tickets will be on sale at fare and one-third for the round trip from December 22nd to 25th and from December 29th to January 1st. All tickets, whether sold for Christmas or New Years will be good to return up to January 4th.

THE BUY-AT-HOME PLEDGE

I believe in my Town, I believe in the goods sold in my Town, and I buy them.

Because I can get more and better values—

Because I want to see the goods—

Because I want to get what I buy, when I buy it—

Because if I sell my goods here I ought to buy here—

Because the man I buy from pays his share of town and county and provincial taxes—

Because the man I buy from stands back of his goods, and is here in my Town—

Because every dollar I spend at home, gives me another chance at that dollar—

Because my home dealer carries me when I run short and out of town dealers will not—

Because the town which is good enough for me to live in is good enough for me to buy in—

Because the man I buy from in my town helps support my school, my church, my lodge, and my home—

Because every dollar I spend at home stays at home and makes more money in my community—

Because when ill luck comes, or misfortune, or bereavement overtakes me, the man I buy from in my Town, is here, with his kindly greetings, his words of cheer and sympathy and his pocket book if necessary.

Here is my pledge: Here I live and here I buy. I believe in my Town, I buy at home.

No further word has been received of the whereabouts of Sub. Lieut. J. G. Clark who was reported missing about two weeks ago.

The Farmers Mutual Lbr. Co.

LUMBER is always sold by the THOUSAND FEET
JUNK is usually sold by the JOB LOT

STEER CLEAR OF THE LUMBER DEALER WHO is always wanting to figure joblots with you and will not give you a price by the thousand feet. He may have some junk to peddle.

While we are always glad to figure with you the cost of any size building or bill of material.

We will also quote you prices by the thousand feet on any thing we have in the yard.

We have no time to hold postmortems over the figures you got from the other fellow.

We are here to serve you not to mislead you.

We have a nice stock of all kinds of building material in stock, including the best stock of interior finish in the district.

NO. 1 FIR DIMENSION \$25. AND UP
BUY FROM US, AND YOU GET
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